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Regional Human Services Levy Oversight Board (RHSLOB) Meeting Summary

March 14, 2012, 2-4 p.m.

King County Chinook Building - Seattle

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Lichty at 2:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Loran Lichty, Edith Loyer Nelson, David Ramsay, Kate Slaminko

Board Members Excused/Absent: Kathy Brasch, Dorry Elias-Garcia, Kathy Hadaller

County Staff Present: George Dignan, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Debora Gay, DCHS; Laird Heia, DCHS; Jon Hoskins, DCHS, Marcy Kubbs, DCHS; Linda Peterson, DCHS

Guests: Jessica Knaster-Wasse, PHSKC

Review of Meeting Summary

The February 22, 2012 RHSLOB meeting summary was approved by consent as written.

Levy Closeout Process – Debora Gay

Due to delayed start-up of the previous levy, some funds were unspent by the end of 2011. Debora Gay shared with the board that at the April joint board meeting they will be asked for their priorities on the use of these carryover funds. The King County Executive is currently reviewing options and it is hoped that staff can share his thoughts on these carryover funds at that time.

To prepare the boards for this discussion Debora reviewed the structure of the levy and how each of the activities' performance measures have been designed to help support the three Levy goals that are:

- Prevent and reduce homelessness
- Reduce unnecessary criminal justice and emergency medical system involvement
- Increasing self-sufficiency for veterans and vulnerable populations.

During the April Board meeting, the Levy Evaluation Team will present their evaluation plan for the new Levy which will help explain the how activities support the overarching goals of the levy.

Aerospace & Veterans Employment & Training Proposal – George Dignan

King County's Employment and Education Resources team, in conjunction with the King County Aerospace Alliance has developed a proposal to train King County residents for jobs that are coming available in the aerospace industry. Boeing is currently hiring about 500 people per month and it is predicted that up to an additional 400 new jobs may be available with Boeing suppliers. Given the tough economic times, this represents a great opportunity to obtain higher wage jobs to increase individual's and families' self-sufficiency.

The Aerospace and Veterans Employment and Training Initiative will increase the capacity of WorkSource Renton and the WorkSource Downtown Affiliate to expedite client's access to training needed to acquire these jobs. It is envisioned that the WorkSource Renton would be the hub to feed the hiring expansion which with the co-located King County Veterans Program (KCVF) will help make the opportunity available to returning veterans. The initiative would bring together resources from King County, the Workforce Development Council, Community and Technical Colleges, Employment Security Department and community based organizations who are partners at WorkSource Renton.

The proposal has two main objectives including:

1. Support the King County Aerospace Alliance by training the next generation of aerospace workers with the skills necessary to fill the hiring demands for aerospace related companies in King County and;
2. Coordinate priority access and preparation for aerospace related, self-sufficient careers for Veterans and other vulnerable populations at risk of homelessness.

Discussion

- Veterans and non-veterans would have single point of entry service for this program.
- Individuals who are at risk of homelessness would be eligible for the program though they will need some level of stability to be successful in these careers.
- The program would be available to people with disabilities.
- The business specialist, who would be hired if this project is funded, would provide the link to job placement.
- It was suggested that local manufacturing companies contribute towards an internship fund much like the way the automotive program at Shoreline Community College has an internship program funded by car manufacturers.

WorkSource Renton is available for a tour for any board members interested.

Chair's Report

No Chair's report.

Staff Report – Debora Gay and Marcy Kubbs

- The 2011 Annual Report is due to Council on June 30, 2012.
- The next meeting is scheduled as a Joint Board meeting on April 26 from 2-4pm.

Old Business

Board members would like information on the procedure for dealing with chronically absent board members. Marcy agreed into look this and report back to the board.

Jackie MacLean, DCHS Department Director, is writing a letter to Council members to encourage nominations for open board positions.

New Business

None.

Petitions/Communications (Public Comment)

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.